

A review of the Amendment filed on December 8, 2003 shows that Claims 1-5 were listed as being pending. Further, Claim 1 was shown as "Currently amended", and Claims 2-5 were each shown as "Original", as shown on attached pages 2-3 (designated "Amendments to Claims"), a copy of which is attached hereto. The foregoing designations appear to be proper, and there were no claims designated "As filed", as set forth in the Response to Amendment.

In view of the foregoing, it appears that the "Response to Amendment" may have been associated with an incorrect file. The foregoing was brought to the attention of Examiner Steven Wasylchak in a telephone interview initiated by the undersigned today. This Response is being filed so that substantive proceedings can be resumed. In that regard, the undersigned has asked Examiner Wasylchak to initiate a substantive telephone interview at his earliest convenience, and Mr. Wasylchak indicated that he would be available, and would telephone the undersigned on Thursday, March 25, 2004, if possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Pages 2-3 of prior Amendment
(designated "Amendments to the Claims")

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